

**[0026]** The wound dressing, or similar wound care products, is used to maintain an optimal level of moisture, can be impregnated with various wound care products, can have ingredients that are absorptive, etc. For example, the wound dressings can be used to treat severe wounds, including chronic wounds such as pressure sores, diabetic foot ulcers, arterial ulcers, etc. The wound dressing can be, for example, a silver antimicrobial wound dressing, a silver antimicrobial barrier wound dressing, a non-adhesive foam wound dressing, an adhesive foam wound dressing, and/or combinations thereof, etc. In more general examples, the wound care products can include any hydrogel, hydrogel with silver, hydrogel filler with silver, hydrogel sheet, hydrogel sheet with silver, hydrogel perforated sheet with silver, hydrogel barrier with silver, tape, transparent film, wound filler, foam, foam with silver, combinations thereof, etc. In more specific examples, the wound care products can be products known as DERMA-GEL™, TENDERWET™, SILVASORB™, AQUAFLO™, AQUASORB™, CARRADRESS CLEAR™, CLEAR-SITE™, or CURAGEL™ (all products being available from Medline Industries, Inc. located in Mundelein, Illinois). In alternative implementations, other types of wound care products (including other types of wound dressings) can be used for treating severe wounds.

**[0027]** Referring to FIG. 2, a main label 18 is attached to an exterior surface of the pouch 12. The main label 18 is generally a booklet-type label that includes two pages (or sheets), which are attached to each other along a single edge 20. On its cover 22, which is the exterior surface of a top one of the two pages, the main label 18 includes printed information (such as directions) related to the enclosed wound dressing. For example, if the wound dressing is a hydrogel filler with silver, the cover generally describes applicable uses (e.g., absorbs drainage, fills the wound) and wound dressing size (e.g., 4.25"×4.25" sheet). For this type of wound dressing, the cover 22 of the main label 18 can be opened, as indicated by the arrow, to reveal other information printed inside the main label 18.

**[0028]** The main label 18 provides useful information related to wound care products for treating severe wounds, such as wound dressings, in a clear and understandable form. The printed information is intended to bring clarity and understanding regarding the wound care product contained within the individual package to an end user, including a nurse, patient, and patient's family. As such, the printed information reduces (and hopefully, eliminates) confusion about the many types of products that a patient may require. For example, the printed information can help to educate an over-worked nurse that may have limited knowledge on wound care and that is juggling many duties. Thus, the main label 18 makes it difficult for the end user, such as a healthcare worker, to make improper or incorrect use of the individually packaged wound care product. The main label 18 reduces costs associated with medical errors.

**[0029]** Referring to FIG. 3, the main label 18 has been opened and it shows additional information regarding wound dressing instructions, directions, usage, ingredients, and/or warnings. According to this implementation, the main label 18 can be opened by lifting a tab 24. The information is optionally printed on both interior sides of the main label 18. Specifically, the information can be printed on both the interior side of the top (or cover) page 22 and on the interior side of a bottom page 26. The printed information can be dupli-

cative of information printed on the box 10 and, optionally, can include additional information.

**[0030]** According to an exemplary implementation, the information on the main label 18 can include photographic instructions. The photographic instructions can be used in addition to or instead of the printed information as described herein in reference to the wound dressing packages. Through the assistance of photography, such as explicit diagrams, drawings, and/or photographs, in conjunction with written textual instructions, even non-qualified users can safely use the enclosed wound care products. For example, any member of the patient's family, including English and non-English speaking members, should be able to follow the easy to use instructions by following the displayed diagrams.

**[0031]** A removable label 28 is attached to the interior surface of the bottom page 26 of the main label 18. The removable label 28 can be used on any type of wound dressing package described herein. The removable label 28 can be attached using any means, such as adhesive means or heat seal means. The removable label 28 includes a markable area for printing information related to the wound being treated. The printed information can be handwritten by the wound care treating person or it can be imprinted by a generally available printer machine. According to the illustrated implementation, the removable label 28 includes both preprinted information and blank areas for on-the-spot marking of patient-specific information. For example, the preprinted information can include a patient's "NAME," a "TIME" of dressing change, and/or a "DATE" of dressing change. Next to each piece of preprinted information, the treating person can easily mark any relevant wound information.

**[0032]** The removable label 28 can be a crack-and-peel label, a pre-perforated detachable label, etc. The removable label 28 can be located in any desirable location on main label 18. For example, in an alternative implementation the removable label 28 can be located along the edge of the cover of the main label 18 using a pre-perforated label. Optionally, the cover can include two adjacent pre-perforated labels that can be easily detached by the treating person.

**[0033]** Referring to FIG. 4, the removable label 28 is illustrated located on a wound dressing 30 on a patient wound 32. For example, a wound care professional first removes the wound dressing 30 from its respective pouch 12 and, then, places it on the wound 32. Subsequently, the wound care professional can place the removable label 28 directly on the wound dressing 30 to identify, for example, the specific time and date when the dressing change occurred. Other relevant information, such as special instructions, patient's age, patient's sex, etc., can be optionally marked on the removable label 28. The removable label 28 is useful in reducing the potential for human error when treating a wound, e.g., changing the wound dressing too soon or too late.

**[0034]** Referring to FIG. 5, a pouch 112 includes a secondary label 140 in accordance with an alternative implementation. In this implementation, the secondary label 140 is a sheet with directions and is initially obscured by a booklet label (not shown) similar to main label 18 described above in reference to FIGS. 1-4. While the booklet label can provide detailed information for the treating person, the booklet-type label may be deemed as being unnecessary for a number of reasons, e.g., to further reduce storage space. Thus, the booklet label can be removably attached to the pouch 112 for providing the treating person with great flexibility as to whether the booklet label should be preserved or discarded.